

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

the Florentine territory until the peace was announced between the father and his children, for so, she said, she had as a command from the Lord. When they heard this, not daring to contradict her, they found a good man, one that feared God, who without any dread received her into his house, but secretly, on account of the fury of the people and of wicked men."¹ This good man was almost certainly the tailor, Francesco di Pippino, in whose little house, in the Piazza del Grano, Catherine thus found shelter for a few days. Her potent friends, the Canigiani, the Soderini, the Altoviti, had fled or were in hiding. On the day after the tumult, June 23, the official vengeance of the government completed the violence of the mob. All the laws in favour of the Parte Guelfa were annulled, and all those admonished by the captains of the Party since 1357 were declared eligible for office under certain conditions. The ordinances excluding magnates from all offices and councils, excepting those of the Parte Guelfa and the Council of the Podesta and Commune, were confirmed. Lapo da Castiglione was declared a rebel and put under ban, and various lighter sentences passed upon the others. Carlo Strozzi was banished from Florence for five years, and he and his descendants declared magnates. Tommaso Soderini was deprived of every office for life ; Niccolo Soderini was put under bounds at thirty miles from Florence. Ristoro Canigiani was declared a magnate, while Piero Canigiani was excluded from office for ten years. Nevertheless, the whole city was full of alarm. There was no festa or palio on the feast of St. John. And for the rest of the month the artisans and merchants did not open their shops, the citizens dared not lay down their arms, and strict guard was kept throughout Florence, night and day. The presence of Catherine seemed useless, and could only lead to fresh scandal. After a few days, she and her disciples left the city, and went to what Raimondo calls " a certain solitary place, outside the city, but not outside its territory, where hermits were wont to dwell." This is usually supposed to have been Vallombrosa, in the ¹ *Legenda*, III. vi. 34 (§ 428). 242